

What's New in the MPDC

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THIRTY-ONE NEW OFFICERS HIT DC'S STREETS

Mayor Williams and Chief Ramsey joined in welcoming 31 new officers at graduation ceremonies Friday at the Department of Education in Southwest DC. The officers completed 24 weeks of academy training and have already been assigned to uniformed patrol duties in PSAs (Police Service Areas) throughout the seven police districts in the city. Chief Ramsey stressed the role of a police officer on a PSA patrol and the importance of being responsive to the needs of the community.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Metropolitan Police Department, Recruit Class 2001-6: Ofc. Lance Bishop, Ofc. Doran Gunnells, Ofc. David Jarboe, Ofc. Joseph Marion II, Ofc. Robert Matos, Ofc. Nicholas Nikitakis, Ofc. Diosvani Rodriguez, Ofc. Rynell Rutledge, Ofc. Christopher Simmons, and Ofc. Stefeni Thomas; Recruit Class 2002-1: Ofc. David Baker, Ofc. Joseph Della-Camera, Ofc. Tirik Davis, Ofc. India Edelin, Ofc. Lewond Fogle, Ofc. Thomas Gainer, Ofc. Robert Hardesty, Ofc. Patrick Hogan, Ofc. Arthur Hopper, Ofc. Demond James, Ofc. Scott Pinto, Ofc. Anthony Smith, Ofc. Richard Smith III, Ofc. Erica Thomas, Ofc. Adam Varneke, Ofc. Adam Veenker, Ofc. Todd Williams, and Ofc. Johnetta Woods; Ofc. Hugh Carew Jr. (Recruit Class 2001-5), Ofc. Jennifer Barba (Recruit Class 2001-3), and Ofc. Michael Boland (Recruit Class 2001-2). For information on how to become a Metropolitan Police officer, click on: mpdc.dc.gov/about/employ

OVERALL CRIME DECLINES IN JULY

Despite a sharp rise in homicides and burglaries, the overall crime rate in DC declined in July 2002, according to preliminary statistics from the MPDC. There was an 11 percent decrease when comparing the month of July 2002 to July 2001. With a 1.6 decrease, year-to-date crime is also lower than the same time last year. Reductions have been recorded in sexual assault, robbery, theft, and arson. View preliminary crime statistics – for each of the seven police districts and citywide at:

Help prevent the theft of your car. The MPDC has a new program to combat auto theft called "Watch Your Car." Learn more, and register on-line, at: mpdw.dc.gov/serv/programs/wyc.shtm

mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/crstats.shtm

SUMMER YOUTH FEST 2002

Youth activities sponsored by the MPDC's Office of Youth Violence Prevention will continue throughout August and into the beginning of September. Five more events are scheduled to take place at parks in Northwest. Among the services to be provided are HIV/AIDS testing, immunizations and vaccinations, teen pregnancy awareness, career and employment opportunities, military recruitment, counseling and violence prevention awareness. In addition there will be entertainment and games at each event. For a complete schedule of Summer Youth Fest 2002 events, go to:

The MPDC's Office of Youth Violence Prevention coordinates numerous crime prevention and self-improvement programs for young people throughout the city. For more information about this unit, call (202) 727-7752, or click on: mpdc.dc.gov/about/units/ood_yvp.shtm

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OFFICERS TO UTILIZE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICES

In an effort to accommodate the diverse population of the residents and visitors in the District of Columbia, the DC Government has contracted a foreign language translation service provided by Language Line Services. This service is currently being utilized by the MPDC's emergency and non-emergency (3-1-1) telephone numbers. Officers on the street are also able to utilize the foreign language translation service by calling a toll free number. MPDC district station personnel and staff are able to utilize the foreign language translation service via a conference call so they are better able to help non-English speaking customers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chief Ramsey takes your phone calls on public safety issues during his monthly "Chatting with the Chief" program on WHUR (96.3-FM), Tuesday August 20, from 6:40 – 7:00 pm.

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov.

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